

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of E.L.H., Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ROY GENE HANKINS, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

PAMELA LYNN HOARD,

Respondent.

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No. 240795

Branch Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-001703-NA

Before: Cooper, P.J., and Bandstra and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (ii). We affirm.

After carefully reviewing the record, we are satisfied that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Respondent-appellant's parental rights to his three older children were terminated in 1998 and 2000. During the instant case, respondent-appellant continued to use alcohol, could not see the child because he spent most of the time in jail for offenses committed before the petition was filed, and engaged in behavior that added at least four potential charges to his extensive criminal record. Further, because at least one ground for termination was established, the trial court was required to terminate respondent-appellant's parental rights unless it found that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the minor child.

We affirm.

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper  
/s/ Richard A. Bandstra  
/s/ Michael J. Talbot